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                      IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
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                                  DISTRICT OF OREGON
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      In re:
                                                    Case No. 09-30938-elp11
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      Society Of Jesus, Oregon Province, an
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      Oregon domestic nonprofit religious
                                                  MICHAEL A. TYRRELL
      corporation,
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                            Debtor.
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            I, Michael A. Tyrrell, declare as follows:
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            1.
                  Since June 2000, the Debtor has been involved in litigation and claims
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     brought by more than 394 persons alleging sexual abuse, said to have occurred
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     primarily between 1950 and 1980, by clergy and others for which the Debtor was
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claimed to have some responsibility. Since June 2000, total payments made directly by

the Debtor to claimants and their attorneys on account of these claims have totaled

approximately \$28.4 million, and payments by the Debtor's insurers have totaled more

than \$50 million. In late 2007, the Debtor settled 113 claims for damages arising from

sexual abuse alleged to have occurred in Alaska, with the Debtor paying \$5 million and its insurers \$45 million to settle those claims.

- 2. On February 17, 2009 (the "Petition Date"), there were approximately 153 tort claims pending against the Debtor which were in various stages of litigation and discovery. The Debtor had been advised by a number of attorneys that they had additional clients with claims that had not been asserted. The Debtor also believes there may be other claims that are beyond the knowledge of anyone currently involved in this Chapter 11 proceeding.
- 3. One of the principal reasons for seeking relief under Chapter 11 was to enable the Debtor to use the Chapter 11 process to address in a comprehensive manner, and in one forum, all tort claims asserted against it, determine the extent of the Debtor's liability with respect thereto, and address such claims, and all other claims against the Debtor, in a fair and equitable manner.
- 4. The Debtor has developed a comprehensive notice program intended to give notice of the claims bar date to both known and unknown creditors. In addition to actual notice to known creditors, and publication notice to unknown creditors throughout Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington (the "Oregon Province Territory"), the Debtor also intends to provide publication notice in locations outside the Oregon Province Territory where Oregon Province Jesuits, against whom allegations of child sex abuse have been made, were working or studying. The Debtor has reviewed its internal catalogues to determine where those Jesuits were located between 1950 and the present. These locations have all been targeted for notice in a local newspaper of general circulation. Finally, the Debtor intends to accomplish nationwide notice of the Claims Bar Date by publication in *USA Today*, and by the media's nationwide dissemination of one or more press releases to be issued by the Debtor.

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1	<ol><li>Of the more than 394 claims asserted against the Debtor since June 2000,</li></ol>
2	approximately 99% of the claimants lived or resided in the five states encompassing the
3	Oregon Province Territory. The Debtor believes that any presently unknown potential
4	claimants are more likely than not to reside in these same states. Of the remaining 1%,
5	the claimants lived in California, New York, and Virginia.
6	I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America
7	and the state of Oregon that the foregoing is true and correct.
8	Dated this 13 <sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009.
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10	/s/ Michael A. Tyrrell
11	Michael A. Tyrrell
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1	<u>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</u>
2	I, Janine E. Hume declare as follows:
3	I am employed in the County of Multnomah, State of Oregon; I am over the age
4	of eighteen years and am not a party to this action; my business address is 1000 SW
5	Broadway, Suite 1400, Portland, Oregon 97205-3089, in said County and State.
6	I certify that on May 13, 2009, I served, via first class mail, a full and correct copy
7	of the foregoing <b>DECLARATION OF MICHAEL A. TYRRELL</b> , on the parties of record,
8	addressed as follows:
9	See attached service list.
10	I also certify that on May 13, 2009, I served the above-referenced document(s)
11	on all ECF participants as indicated on the Court's Cm/ECF system.
12	I swear under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the bes
13	of my knowledge, information, and belief.
14	Dated: May 13, 2009
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16	/s/ Janine E. Hume
17	Janine E. Hume, Legal Assistant
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